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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments set forth herein. The amendments find full support in the claims, specification and drawings as filed. A Petition for Extension (in duplicate) accompanies this Amendment, thereby extending the period for response up to and including January 12, 2006.

Amendments to the Abstract are set forth on page 2 hereof, amendments to the specification begin on page 3 hereon, and amendment to the claims begin on page 5 hereof. Remarks begin upon page 13 hereof.